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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2002, Applicant requests the Examiner to please consider the following remarks.

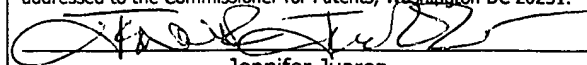
Remarks:

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S Patent No. 6,266,100 B1 (Gloudemans). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. With regard to claim 1, Gloudemans does not disclose a method in which a flicker filter is adjusted based upon an alpha value. The Office Action states that "Gloudemans teaches a flicker filter operation (760) including a filtered alpha which is expressed as a function of the unfiltered alpha." Office Action, p. 2. However, nowhere does Gloudemans disclose "adjusting a flicker filter based upon the alpha value" as recited by claim 1.

In this regard, the flicker filter operation (760) of Gloudemans is an operation in which "[t]he flicker filter averages a newly calculated alpha for the pixel with past and

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